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FIGHT EPIZOOTIC DISEASES IN ANHWEI, SHANTUNG, HONAN

The anthrax epidemic among draft animals originating in T'ai-ho Hsien, Anhwei, is now spreading into Lin-ch'uan Hsien. Since the outbreak in mid-August 1950, 1,741 animals died from the disease and 3,180 persons died from eating the meat of the dead animals. A definite program is being established to insure livestock in the Northeast against disease and death. An animal-protection program is now being pursued in Shantung and Honan. The anthrax and emphysema epidemics in Lo-yang Special District and rinderpest epidemics in Chen-yang Hsien in Honan have been or are being checked.

ANTHRAX SERIOUS IN NORTHWEST ANHWEL -- Ho-fei, Huan-pei Jih-pao, 16 Oct 50

A report dated October 1950 reveals that, of the 4,889 draft animals afflicted with anthrax in T'ai-ho Hsien since the outbreak of the epidemic in mid-August 1950, 1,741 head died f the disease and 3,180 persons died from eating the meat of the dead animals. The epidemic is now gradually spreading into Lin-ch'uan Hsien.

Veterinarians from agriculture and forestry offices of the North Anhwei Administrative Office and the East China Military and Administrative Committee are now busy with treatment and preventive work. The assistance of veterinarians from the Epizootic Prevention Section of the Shantung Provincial People's government was also asked.

NORTHEAST INSURES FARM ANIMALS -- Mukden, Tung-pei Jih-pao, 13 Oct 50

For some time now, the Northeast branch of the China People's Insurance Company has been experimenting with the insurance of livestock in K'ai-p'ing Hisien, Liaotung Province, and in Yung-chi Hisien, Kirin Province. The experiments have proved so successful that the service will be extended to other areas of the Northeast.

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To facilitate this program, the Northeast branch will set up insurance agencies in hsien cities and hsiangs in 17 hsiens of Kirin, Liaotung, Liaosi, Sungkiang, and Heilungkiang provinces. Each provincial people's insurance company will direct local animal-insurance programs.

Insurable livestock is limited to cattle, horses, mules, and donkeys. The insurance premium per animal differs in accordance with type of animal, physical condition, sex, and species. There will be an annual premium of 42 yuan 6 chiao per 1,000-yuan value of an animal. For animals belonging to collective groups or mutual-aid teams, the payment of the first premium may be postponed for 3 months. The insurance coverage includes treatment for infectious diseases, external wounds, bearing of yor 3, injury by fire and lightning, and castration; and compensation for accidental death and permanent disablement of livestock.

INCCULATE ANIMALS IN SHANTUNG -- Tsinan, Ta-chung Jih-pao, 21 Oct 50

Teams from the Chiao-tung Hospital have already given antianthrax inoculations to 89 percent, or 1,893 head, of the draft animals in P'ing-hsi Hsien, Ch'ang-li Ch'u, Shantung.

HONAN ESTABLISHES ANIMAL-PROTECTION PROGRAM -- Hankow, Ch'ang-chiang Jih-pao, 31 Oct 50

The epidemics of anthrax and emphysema among draft animals in Lo-yang Special District in Honan have been checked. The epidemics started in early spring and continued up to present. Incomplete reports show that more than 1,500 animals died from the diseases in Hsin-an Hsien alone. The serious epidemic areas in the special district include Sung, I-yang, Hsin-an, I-ch'uan, and Lo-yang hsiens.

From 23 August to 22 September 1,50, preventive teams gave treatment and preventive inoculations to 20,668 animals in Chin Hsien, and 13,358 in Hsin-an Hsien. The anthrax epidemics in Chin Hsien have subsided, but sporadic cases of emphysema still exist due to lack of antiemphysema vaccines.

Rinderpest, neretofore prevalent in Cheng-yang Hsien, Honan, has been virtually eliminated. In a 2-week period, 188 draft animals were given treatment and 6,434 were given preventive inoculations in this hsien.

Since the issuance of the animal-protection directive by the Chen-chou tax bureau, the slaughtering of draft animals has decreased considerably.

Veterinarians in Nan-yang Special District in Honan recently held a meeting in which they reviewed past activities and formulated a program for the future. During the meeting, malpractice and malfeasance among the veterinarians and Chinese medical practitioners who also treat animals were criticized.

It was decided that in the future, for the prevention and treatment of epizootic diseases, the improvement of breeds, and increase in livestock, there should be greater cooperation between Chinese medical practitioners and veterinarians in exchanging views to improve on the care of animals.

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